

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Investigation on the Commission's Own Motion into the Operations and Practices of the Conlin-Strawberry Water Co. Inc. (U 177 W), and its Owner/Operator, Danny T. Conlin; Notice of Opportunity for Hearing; and Order to Show Cause Why the Commission Should Not Petition the Superior Court for a Receiver to Assume Possession and Operation of the Conlin-Strawberry Water Co. Inc. pursuant to the California Public Utilities Code Section 855.

Investigation 03-10-038
(Filed October 16, 2003)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING
VACATING BRIEFING SCHEDULE**

The Administrative Law Judge held a telephonic conference call held on Monday, November 22, 2004, with Cleveland Lee, representing the Commission's Water Division, and Thomas J. MacBride, Jr., representing the Respondents Conlin-Strawberry Water Co.

MacBride indicated that settlement discussions are underway that may involve a potential buyer for the water system and the resolution of all issues in the proceeding. MacBride requested that the due date for reply briefs be vacated to allow more time for these settlement discussions. Lee did not oppose the motion.

IT IS RULED that:

1. Conlin-Strawberry Water Co.'s motion to vacate the due date for reply briefs is granted.

2. On or before Thursday, December 16, 2004, Conlin-Strawberry will file and serve a status report on settlement efforts.
3. Another telephonic status conference will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, December 17, 2004, with MacBride initiating the call. The status of settlement efforts will be discussed. The date for reply briefs will also be discussed.

Dated November 30, 2004, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ John E. Thorson

John E. Thorson
Administrative Law Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have by mail this day served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Vacating Briefing Schedule on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated November 30, 2004, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ Antonina V. Swansen

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